

“A Journey Through Texas” *from* The Journey of Alvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca
by Alvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca

“Boulders Taller Than the Great Tower of Seville” by García López de Cárdenas

Support for Writing

Prepare to write your **explorer's journal** by collecting information about the Grand Canyon or another Southwest location. Enter your information into the chart below. Be sure to focus on specific details that readers can use to understand the nature of the location and what they can expect to find if they travel there.

The Grand Canyon [or other location]	
Location: In relation to Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, Gulf of Mexico	
Surrounding Landforms: Rivers, Plains, Plateaus	
Vegetation: Trees and Plants	
Animals	
Climate	
Difficulties in getting to and from the location	

On a separate page, write the first draft of your journal. Have a classmate read it and make comments to help you make your revision clearer and more concrete. Add descriptions of landforms, plants, and animals, as well as drawings if you wish. Add a simple map based on your chart and other research.